

# News Release



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## Cops and Kids Camping Out

### **Family of 200 Goes Camping at Silverwood Lake**

HESPERIA – More than 200 young people from Police Activities Leagues (PALS) throughout California will be pitching tents and sleeping under the stars when they meet at Silverwood Lake State Recreation Area in Hesperia for the eighth annual campout September 9 – 11, 2005.

California State Parks will again host the event, with sponsors including the California Police Activities League, the California State Parks Foundation, San Bernardino County Sheriff's Department, San Bernardino County Sheriff's Apple Valley Posse, California State Fish and Game and the California Department of Water Resources.

The 200-plus young people from ten different Police Activities Leagues from throughout Southern California, will enjoy a fishing clinic, boat tour, helicopter demonstration, kayaking and other camping activities. For many of the young people, this will be their very first camping experience.

Police Activities Leagues are cops and kids programs that are designed to help build positive relationships between the enforcement community and kids. Such relationships provide kids with role models for helping them make positive choices in their lives, choices that make a difference in their lives and by extension, build stronger communities for the future.

California State Parks established the State Parks Police Activities League (SPPAL) to promote outdoor recreation and educational experiences for the youth of California in order to promote positive role models, self-confidence and responsible citizenship. The SPPAL is a project of California State Parks and the California State Parks Foundation.

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